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SUBJECT: CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER (CAT) RESTRAINT AND THE SSOD

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1. EMBASSY LEFT ON APRIL 10 NON-PAPERS BASED ON PARAS 2-7 OF
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REFTEL WITH COMPETENT OFFICIALS MFA AND MOD INVITING AN EX-
CHANGE OF VIEWS AFTER APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION OF U. S. POSITION
AS DESCRIBED

2. MFA DISARMAMENT OFFICE CHIEF FERRETTI DISCUSSED ISSUE
WITH EMBOFF APRIAL 17. DISCUSSION WAS BRIEF AS ITALIAN
POSITION VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO OURS. FERRETTI POINTED

OUT THAT ITALY HAS HAD THE SAME DIFFICULTY WITH THE BARTON GROUP DRAFT AND PERCEIVED THE SAME POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN THE INCLUSION OF THE WORD "PRODUCTION." ITALY, MOREOVER, SHARES OUR GOAL OF FINDING A FORMULA TO ACCOMMODATE THE NOTION OF PRODUCTION LIMITS WITHOUT IMPINGING UPON ALLIED DEFENSE RELATIONSHIPS AND REQUIREMENTS AND THE PRODUCTION IMPERATIVES THAT EMERGE THEREFROM. FERRETTI VOLUNTEERED THAT ONE POSSIBLE WAY OUT OF THE PROBLEM WAS TO INTRODUCTION THE IDEA OF REGIONAL CONTROLS. THE CONCEPT HE SAID WAS FIRST REFERRED TO BY AMBASSADOR VINCI IN A STANLEY FOUNDATION MEETING IN 1969. IT IS RAISED AGAIN IN THE ITALIAN PAPER PRESENTED TO THE PREPCOM. RECOGNIZING THAT A GLOBAL APPROACH IS NOT POSSIBLE, SAID FERRETTI, THE IDEA OF A SYSTEM OF REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS UNDER A SUBMITTEE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD OFFER THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING OUR OBLIGATION FOR "RESOLUTE PURSUIT" OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A EUROPEAN REGION THROUGH THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ACCORDING TO FERRETTI, OUR NON-PAPER HAS BEEN SENT TO THE ITALIAN DELEGATION WITH INSTRUCTION THAT IT IS TO BE TAKEN ACCOUNT OF IN THE ITALIAN POSITION AT THE SSOD. GARDNER

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